

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Elections - Biennial election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Two Graduates' Constituencies, namely, (i) Mahabubnagar - Ranga Reddy - Hyderabad Graduates' and (ii) Warangal - Khammam - Nalgonda Graduates' Constituencies scheduled to be held on 14-03-2021 - Measures to check " Paid News " during elections i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media - Constitution of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 404

Dated: 20-02-2021
Read the following:

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P. (c) No. 6679/2004, dated. 13-04-2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated. 15-04-2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/Media, dated. 27-08-2012.
4. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated. 26-12-2016.
5. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No. 491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dated. 25-02-2019.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Press Note No.ECI/PN/10/2021, dated. 11-02-2021.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders second to fifth read above, State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the members mentioned below as measures to check " Paid News " during elections i.e. advertisement in the garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News telecast in Electronic Media i.e. on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema Halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and campaigning in Social Media in connection with the conduct of the Biennial election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Two Graduates' Constituencies, namely, (i) Mahabubnagar-Ranga Reddy-Hyderabad Graduates' and (ii) Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' Constituencies scheduled to be held on 14-03-2021.

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| 1) Chief Electoral Officer | ... Chairperson |
| 2) Any Observer appointed by the ECI | ... Member |
| 3) Prof. K.Stevenson,
Head, Department of Journalism & Mass Communications,
Osmania University, Hyderabad 500 007. | ... Member |
| 4) Dr.P.Manas Krishnakant I.I.S.
Assistant Director, Regional Outreach Bureau
O/o the Director General, Press Information Bureau,
M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I.
2 nd Floor, CGOs Towers, Kavadiiguda, Secunderabad - 500 080. | ... Member |
| 5) Sri M.A. Majid, Senior Journalist &
Member, Press Council of India, Hyderabad. | ... Member |
| 6) Sri M.Madhavacharya
Assistant Director, Digital Media,
(Intermediary Expert / Social Media Expert)
O/o the Director, Digital Media,
T.S.Secretariat, 5 th Floor, B.R.K.Bhavan, Hyderabad - 29. | ... Member |
| 7) Sri Buddhaprakash Jyoti I.A.S,
Addl. Chief Electoral Officer | ... Member Secretary |

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2. The above State Level MCMC shall decide appeals received from both the District Level MCMC and Addl.CEO's Committee on Certification of election advertisements as per the ECI Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated 15/04/2004 besides examining all cases of Paid News on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that may take up suo motu.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

Dr. SHASHANK GOEL
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O.PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Chairperson and Members of the State level MCMC Constituted. {Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019.}.

The Collectors & District Election Officers of Mahabubnagar, Nagar Kurnool, Wanaparthy, Jogulamba Gadwal, Narayanpet, Ranga Reddy, Vikarabad, Medchal - Malkajgiri, Siddipet, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Yadadri -Bhuvanagiri, Warangal Urban, Warangal Rural, Mahabubabad, Bhupalapally, Jangaon, Mulugu, Khammam, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem districts. (w.e.)

The Commissioner, G.H.M.C. Hyderabad & DEO, Hyderabad (w.e.)

The Returning Officers of the Two Graduates' Constituencies {Through the DEOs concerned}.

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana

{Both Recognized National Parties and State Parties}

{Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019.}

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Samachar Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad - 500 004.

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private F.M.

Channels. {Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.}

Copy to :

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Addl.CEOs Committee on Certification of election advertisements Constituted. (w.e.)
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana State, Secretariat, At 5th Floor, B.R.K.Bhavan, Hyderabad-29.
3. The Director General, Press Information Bureau, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2nd Floor, CGO Towers, Kavadiguda, Sec'bad -80.
4. The Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharathi, Door Darshan Kendra, Telangana State, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad- 500 013.
5. The Station Director, Prasar Bharathi, All India Radio, Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500004.
6. The P.M. I.T O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
7. The S.L.A. O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
8. All the Officers, in G.A (Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Addl. CEO/ Joint CEO/ Dy. CEO.
9. The Secretary, Press Council of India, Sancha Bhavan, 8-C, CGOs Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
10. Sri Prafull Awasthi, Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001.
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SECTION OFFICER